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Golf Swing Practice and Training Towel

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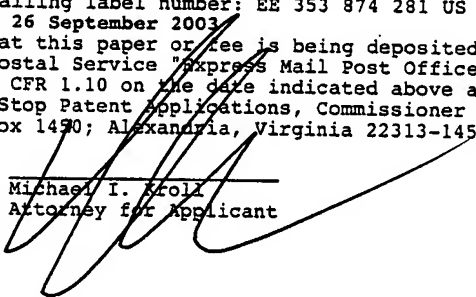
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to golf training devices and, more specifically, to a golf swing practice and training towel comprising a golf towel having a plurality of spaced apart lines extending longitudinally and transversely thereacross that are visible when the towel is placed on the ground to afford the user a plurality of alignment positions for foot, hand, ball and club head placement relative to the target and the desired trajectory thereof. The transverse lines serve as reference points for how far the golfer's feet are separated during the swing thus allowing for incremental adjustments to find the optimum positioning for balance and transferring the weight from one leg to another and subsequently performing precise repetitions of the swing from that specific stance.

Description of the Prior Art

While there are other golf practice devices, they are not as suitable as the present invention. The present invention serves to provide a simple effective practice and training towel for a golfer to develop consistency in their stance and swing. The present invention serves to function as an ordinary golf towel when not in use as a training and practice aid thereby eliminating clutter in the golf bag by not adding an additional accessory.

SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

A primary object of the present invention is to provide a golf swing practice and training towel comprising a golf towel with grid-like indicia that is placed on the ground to act as an alignment tool for practicing a consistent golf swing.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a golf swing practice and training towel that serves as a reference for developing a proper stance to optimize balance when transferring weight from one leg to the other during the swing.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a golf swing practice and training towel that will enable a golfer to establish a target line that is parallel to the tips of the user's shoes.

Still yet another object of the present invention is to provide a golf swing practice and training towel that will assist the user in setting up a stance relative to the position of the ball.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a golf swing practice and training towel that will assist in proper club face alignment relative to the golfer, the ball and the target.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a golf swing practice and training towel that can provide a reference of the distance that the golfer is setting up away from the ball.

Still yet another object of the present invention is to provide a golf swing practice and training towel that is simple and easy to use.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a golf swing practice and training towel that is inexpensive to manufacture and operate.

Additional objects of the present invention will appear as the description proceeds.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages will appear from the description to follow. In the description reference is made to the accompanying drawings, which forms a part hereof, and in which is shown by way of illustration specific embodiments in which the invention may be practiced. These embodiments will be described in sufficient detail to enable those skilled in the art to practice the invention, and it is to be understood that other embodiments may be utilized and that structural changes may be made without departing from the scope of the invention. In the accompanying drawings, like reference characters designate the same or similar parts throughout the several views.

The following detailed description is, therefore, not to be taken in a limiting sense, and the scope of the present invention is best defined by the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING FIGURES

In order that the invention may be more fully understood, it will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

FIGURE 1 is an illustrative view of the uses of the present invention;

FIGURE 2 is an illustrative view of the present invention in use;

FIGURE 3 is a top view of the present invention;

FIGURE 4 is a top view demonstrating function one of the present invention;

FIGURE 5 is a top view demonstrating function two of the present invention;

FIGURE 6 is a top view demonstrating function three of the present invention;

FIGURE 7 is a top view demonstrating function four of the present invention;

FIGURE 8 is a top view demonstrating function five of the present invention;

FIGURE 9 is a top view demonstrating function six of the present invention;

FIGURE 10 is a top view demonstrating function seven of the present invention;

FIGURE 11 is a top view demonstrating the first part of function eight of the present invention;

FIGURE 12 is a top view demonstrating the second part of function eight of the present invention;

FIGURE 13 is a top view demonstrating the third part of function eight of the present invention;

FIGURE 14 is a top view demonstrating the first part of function nine of the present invention;

FIGURE 15 is a top view demonstrating the second part of function nine of the present invention;

FIGURE 16 is a top view demonstrating the third part of function nine of the present invention; and

FIGURE 17 is a top view demonstrating function ten of the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE REFERENCED NUMERALS

Turning now descriptively to the drawings, in which similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views, the figures illustrate the Golf Swing Practice and Training Towel of the present invention. With regard to the reference numerals used, the following numbering is used throughout the various drawing figures.

- 10 Golf Swing Practice and Training Towel
- 12 flexible sheet
- 14 target
- 16 golfer
- 18 body line
- 20 target line
- 24 longitudinal lines
- 26 transverse lines
- 28 indicia
- 30 numeric indicia
- 32 alphabetic indicia

- 33 foot position
- 34 ball position
- 36 club head
- 38 hand position
- 40 grid
- 42 closed stance line
- 44 open stance line
- 46 divot

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The following discussion describes in detail one embodiment of the invention (and several variations of that embodiment). This discussion should not be construed, however, as limiting the invention to those particular embodiments, practitioners skilled in the art will recognize numerous other embodiments as well. For definition of the complete scope of the invention, the reader is directed to appended claims.

FIGURE 1 is an illustrative view of the uses of the present invention. The present invention is a multi-function rectangular towel having one set of spaced apart parallel lines longitudinally extending along one side with spaced apart parallel lines extending latitudinally between the other two sides thereby providing means to assist a golfer in various critical aspects of the game. The towel provides means to establish an intended trajectory line between a starting point, such as a tee, and intended ball location, such as a greens' flag; along with club alignment relative to the line of sight trajectory, ball position, hand position, distance the user stands from the ball and divot analysis. The towel also serves as a golf towel that one would use during normal play.

FIGURE 2 is an illustrative view of the present invention **10** in use.

Depicted is the present invention **10** in use illustrating the myriad variables that determine the location of the ball **34**. After club selection, how a golfer **16** addresses the ball **34** determines the location of the ball **34**. Addressing the ball **34** includes using the target line **20** to draw an imaginary line to the target **14** location parallel to the tips of the shoes placed proximal to the body line **18** in conjunction with coplanar club head **36** placement in the vertical and horizontal with corresponding hand placement, along with distance from the ball **34**. Currently a golfer **16** tries to mimic variables resulting in favorable ball **34** play while changing one or more during unfavorable ball **34** play. It is virtually impossible to mimic such diverse intertwined fluctuating functions. The present invention **10** provides means whereby multiple references can be established duly noting other mutable variables enabling a golfer to reposition their stance consistently thereby providing knowledgeable cause and effect judgment of changes to the established variables.

FIGURE 3 is a top view of the present invention **10**. Shown is the golf practice and training towel of the present invention **10** comprising a flexible sheet **12** with spaced apart longitudinal and transverse parallel lines **24,26**. Each

transverse line **26** has numeric indicia **30** that assist the golfer with ball position, hand position, divot analysis and club head alignment and foot location. The longitudinal lines **24** also have indicia **28**, such as alphabetic indicia **32** to differentiate from the transverse line **26** numeric indicia **30**, on which the sheet **12** can be folded to change the distance between the golfer and the golf ball.

FIGURE 4 is a top view demonstrating function one of the present invention **10**. To more clearly explain the functions of the present invention **10**, the following illustrations will be referred to as functions 1 through 10. Function number one shows the target line **20** at the edge of the sheet **12** away from the golfer **16**. The target line **20** is aligned to the target **14**. This provides the golfer **16** with a straight line from their present position to the target **14**. The golfer **16** uses this line to align the ball to the target **14**. The golfer **16** can be left or right handed.

FIGURE 5 is a top view demonstrating function two of the present invention **10**. In function number two, the body line **18** is indicated by the near edge of the sheet **12**. The body line **18** is automatically aligned parallel to the intended target **14** thus providing the golfer **16** with a straight parallel line from

their present position parallel to the target **14**. The golfer **16** uses the body line **18** to align their feet, knees, hips and shoulders parallel to the target line **20**. The golfer **16** can be left or right handed. The purpose of functions 1 and 2 is that the target line **20** and body line **18** are used by the golfer **16** to make a perfect aligned stance to the target **14**. The golfer **16** is aligning the ball **34** along the target line **20**, with their body along the body line **18** therefore aiming straight at the target **14**.

FIGURE 6 is a top view demonstrating function three of the present invention wherein transverse lines **26** with corresponding numerical indicia **30** numbered 1 through 12 are used by the golfer **16** as a reference from where to place the ball **34** in their stance. The transverse lines **26** will indicate if they are playing the ball **34** in the front, middle or back of their stance relative to their feet. The purpose of this function is that the golfer **16** can play the ball **34** from different positions in their stance and use the relevant feedback from the ball's flight to decide optimum ball placement relative to their stance.

FIGURE 7 is a top view demonstrating function four wherein the transverse lines **26** have corresponding indicia numbered 1 through 12 that are

used by the golfer 16 as a reference as to the hand position 38 when addressing the ball 34. The transverse lines 26 will indicate if they are addressing the ball 34 with their hands in front of the ball 34 or on the ball 34 or the back of the ball 34. The purpose of this function is the golfer 16 can play the ball 34 with their hands in different positions and use the relevant feedback from the ball's 34 flight to decide optimum hand placement.

FIGURE 8 is a top view demonstrating function five of the present invention 10 wherein by using the transverse lines 26 as a reference, the golfer 16 can easily see if the clubface is open or closed on address. The purpose of this function is that the golfer 16 can play the ball 34 with an open or closed clubface and use the relevant feedback from the ball's 34 flight to decide if they prefer hitting the ball 34 with an open or closed clubface.

FIGURE 9 is a top view of function six of the present invention 10 wherein the sheet 12 can be folded at one of longitudinal lines a, b, c, d to accommodate longer and shorter club selection and distance that the golfer 16 stands away from the ball 34. The purpose of this function allows the golfer 16 to fold the sheet 12 to play the ball 34 with their stance closer to or further from

the ball **34** and use the relevant feedback from the ball's **34** flight to decide how far they prefer to stand from the ball **34** at address.

FIGURE 10 is a top view demonstrating function seven of the present invention **10** wherein the longitudinal lines a, b, c, d and the transverse lines **26** form a grid **40** that enable the sheet **12** to be folded at different angles. For example, the golfer **16** can fold the sheet **12** from a1 to b2. This will give the golfer **16** a defined closed stance line **42** to demonstrate the proper foot position **33** for a slightly closed stance. Folding the sheet **12** from a2 to b1 will give the golfer **16** a defined open stance line **44** to achieve a slightly open stance. The purpose of this function is to enable the golfer **16** to fold the sheet **12** to play the ball **34** with their stance slightly open or closed and use the relevant feedback from the balls **34** flight to decide if they prefer to play the ball **34** with their stance slightly open, closed or square.

FIGURE 11 is a top view demonstrating the first part of function eight of the present invention **10**. Function number eight is a three-part function providing divot analysis wherein the present invention **10** denotes the target line being parallel with the desired direction of the ball when hit. The ensuing divot

46 should be parallel with the target line **20**. The first part indicates an inside to outside swing to the right of the target **14**. The purpose of this function is that the golfer **16** can use this information to get the desirable downswing of the club during the hitting of a golf ball **34**.

FIGURE 12 is a top view of the second part of function eight of the present invention **10** providing divot analysis. The angle of the resultant divot **46** indicates an outside to inside swing to the left of the target **14**. The purpose of this function is that the golfer **16** can use this information to get the desirable downswing of the club during the hitting of a golf ball.

FIGURE 13 is a top view of the third part of function eight providing divot analysis. The angle of the resultant divot **46** indicates a swing parallel to the target **14**. The purpose of this function is that the golfer **16** can use this information to get the desirable downswing of the club during the hitting of a golf ball **34**.

FIGURE 14 is a top view of the first part of function nine of the present invention **10** providing divot analysis-ballstriking. Function number nine is a

three-part function wherein the divot **46** serves to inform the golfer **16** where they are hitting with regard to the ball **34** position. The resultant divot **46** shown in the first part indicates that the golfer **16** is hitting behind the ball **34**. The purpose of this function is that the golfer **16** can use this information to get a desirable strike of the ball **34**.

FIGURE 15 is a top view of the second part of function nine of the present invention **10** providing divot analysis-ballstriking. The resultant divot **46** shown in the second function indicates that the golfer **16** is hitting slightly in front of the ball **34**. The purpose of this function is that the golfer **16** can use this information to get a desirable strike of the ball **34**.

FIGURE 16 is a top view of the third part of function nine of the present invention **10** providing divot analysis-ballstriking. The resultant divot **46** shown in the third part indicates that the golfer **16** is hitting the ball **34** good and clean. The purpose of this function is that the golfer **16** can use this information to get a desirable strike of the ball **34**.

FIGURE 17 is a top view of the present invention **10**. Function ten of the present invention **10** is for use as a standard golf towel during practice and play for the golfer **16** to use to wipe their hands and equipment.

It will be understood that each of the elements described above, or two or more together may also find a useful application in other types of methods differing from the type described above.

While certain novel features of this invention have been shown and described and are pointed out in the annexed claims, it is not intended to be limited to the details above, since it will be understood that various omissions, modifications, substitutions and changes in the forms and details of the device illustrated and in its operation can be made by those skilled in the art without departing in any way from the spirit of the present invention.

Without further analysis, the foregoing will so fully reveal the gist of the present invention that others can, by applying current knowledge, readily adapt it for various applications without omitting features that, from the standpoint of prior art, fairly constitute essential characteristics of the generic or specific aspects of this invention.